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PHILIPPINE FOREIGN COMMERCE IN THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1919.

Full returns of Philippine foreign trade for the year ending June 30, 1919, just compiled and made available by the Bureau of Insular Affairs of the War Department, show still further increases in the value of both imports and exports over the already exceptional totals of the previous year. Soaring prices, however, have made values a less trustworthy guide than in normal times, and a detailed review of the figures shows in the closing months less favorable trade conditions than characterized the latter part of the war period, with the trade of the year as a whole--notably in the case of exports--made up of a blending of culminating war activities and of reaction following the armistice.

The import total reached the enormous sum of $107,774,263, or about thirty per cent more than that of the previous year, and about double the pre-war average, but advancing prices rather than increased volume of business was the leading factor in the larger figures. An important exception, however, is to be noted in the machinery trade, which more than doubled in value and was conspicuously made up of oil-extracting and sugar machinery, large imports of which for the development of leading export industries of the islands, represent both a present and a future importance to Philippine trade. The important trade in cotton textiles, on the other hand, fell far below the phenomenal quantity of 1918, and at equally exceptional prices declined to very small proportions in the latter half of the year.

Imports of rice were somewhat smaller in quantity, but at an increase of over two million dollars in value, and these figures cover a condition of much gravity still pending in the islands. A disastrous shortage in production in the great rice-exporting countries and generally throughout the East was early realized, and the Philippine government relieved the price situation by temporary suspension of import duties pending the harvesting of the reduced crop of last winter. Prices, however, continued to advance with the depletion of the inadequate stocks doled out under embargoes and trade limitations imposed by exporting countries, until at the end of the year under review rice was selling in Manila at nearly double the already high figure prevailing at the beginning, and, with relief from the new-crop harvest still some months distant, the Islands and the Orient generally are confronted with a food problem the most acute in recent times.

The export total of $122,729,238 somewhat exceeded that of 1918, but it is of interest to note that of this huge sum less than forty per cent is credited to the latter half of the year, and in this fact is to be found some measure of the slowing down of the war-stimulated export trade and the reaction of the armistice period. Reduced quantities and declining prices of hemp and coconut oil, the two leading exports, virtually explain this reduced total of the latter part of the year. Of the reduced hemp shipments for the year as a whole, the unprecedented quantity of 96,380 long tons was exported during the first six months and only 36,268 long tons in the closing six months, with the price movement generally downward throughout, following the termination of government-fixed prices. There was also a marked decline in production in the latter half of the year, attributable to a typhoon in the hemp-producing districts late in December and to unsatisfactory market conditions. A further element in reduced exports is to be found in exceptionally heavy accumulations of stocks in the islands, and the close of the year found this--the leading Philippine export industry--still under the depression of the armistice period, and awaiting the arrested world demand for raw materials and the resumption of normal trade with the final coming of peace.

The remarkable development of the coconut oil manufacturing industry was the outstanding activity of the year and touched the foreign trade figures at various points. Imports of oil mill equipment furnished the leading item in the machinery total, while exports of oil became a close rival of hemp for leadership in the islands' trade. This reacted upon the important copra trade of the past, which virtually disappeared in the latter half of the year, while in the same period the islands, with a pre-war record of one of the largest copra producers for export in the world, passed into the ranks of the importers. Imports during the closing six months amounted to 17,093 long tons--chiefly from Dutch East Indies, while shipments at the end of the year had dwindled to merely nominal amounts from the outlying southern ports to the neighboring market of Singapore.

The armistice proved highly beneficial to the sugar trade. Distance from the important markets operated unfavorably to the participation of Philippine sugar in the general high prices of the war period, but with the release of tonnage and declining freights following the armistice, local prices reflected an increasingly larger share of the continued high prices of the great consuming centers. The average figure realized was 4.3 cents as compared with 2.6 cents for the earlier half of the year, but unfortunately the estimated outturn of the new crop, owing to weather conditions has been reduced very low, and shipments in the latter half of the year at these higher prices were exceptionally light. Another and a permanent factor in Philippine sugar prices is the increasing output of high-grade sugars. Centrifugals comprised twenty-seven percent of the quantity of sugar exported during the year and realized an average price of a cent and three-quarters a pound above the open-kettle product that it is steadily supplanting.

Trade in both cigars and tobacco continued active and at higher prices, with exports of each in much larger quantities than ever before, shipments of foreign merchandise more than doubled in value and exceeded four and a half million dollars, a sum serving on the one hand to discount the import total, and on the other to emphasize the growing importance of Manila as a distributing center--chiefly for American goods. The proportion of the United States in the trade of the islands for the year did not materially differ from that of 1918, constituting sixty per cent of all imports and sixty-five per cent of the export total.

FOREIGN COMMERCE OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.
Compiled by the Bureau of Insular Affairs, War Department.

IMPORTS.	Twelve months ending June -			
	1918		1919	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Automobiles ..... No.	1,646	$1,278,675	1,409	$1,490,511
United States ..... "	1,646	1,278,675	1,409	1,490,511
Cement ..... Bbls.	182,205	426,453	228,769	580,708
United States ..... "	2,654	7,669	101	1,236
China ..... "	114,327	280,040	61,710	147,953
French East Indies ..... "	19,932	33,064	75,191	129,900
Japan ..... "	33,216	86,739	73,432	224,556
Other countries ..... "	12,076	28,941	18,335	77,063
Coal ..... Long tons	395,275	1,874,997	396,934	3,028,140
United States ..... "	10	231	.....	.....
China ..... "	101,655	328,103	107,769	517,936
Japan ..... "	253,638	1,334,745	255,807	2,300,461
Other countries ..... "	39,972	211,918	33,358	209,743
Cotton, and manufactures:				
Cloths ..... Sq.yds.	138,405,699	19,171,269	80,977,816	16,540,658
United States ..... "	117,202,749	16,011,733	67,054,735	13,769,983
United Kingdom ..... "	8,777,713	1,368,071	4,124,950	960,109
Japan ..... "	9,033,172	1,276,167	6,841,925	1,274,820
Other countries ..... "	3,392,065	515,291	2,958,206	535,748
Thread	.....	639,648	.....	840,035
United States	.....	484,996	.....	631,752
Other countries	.....	154,652	.....	208,283
Wearing apparel	.....	2,350,565	.....	3,755,821
United States	.....	743,246	.....	1,758,463
Japan	.....	1,433,628	.....	1,903,475
Other countries	.....	173,691	.....	93,883
Yarn ..... Lbs.	2,510,940	1,269,302	2,875,799	1,848,211
United States ..... "	2,659	2,178	3,190	2,237
United Kingdom ..... "	333,450	243,107	206,152	278,134
Japan ..... "	1,723,492	853,291	2,090,190	1,277,317
Other countries ..... "	451,339	170,726	576,267	287,523
All other	.....	1,874,141	.....	2,328,167
United States	.....	988,449	.....	1,423,145
United Kingdom	.....	288,400	.....	330,367
Other countries	.....	597,292	.....	574,655
Iron and steel:				
Machinery	.....	3,233,450	.....	7,100,895
United States	.....	3,039,769	.....	6,378,893
United Kingdom	.....	50,059	.....	13,326
Other countries	.....	143,622	.....	708,676
All other	.....	6,071,093	.....	7,697,795
United States	.....	5,265,800	.....	6,864,915
United Kingdom	.....	76,021	.....	89,861
Other countries	.....	729,272	.....	743,019

FOREIGN COMMERCE OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS - Continued.

IMPORTS.	Twelve months ending June - 1918 Quantity	1918 Value	1919 Quantity	1919 Value
Illuminating oil.....Galls.	9,281,483	$1,242,692	9,756,425	$2,420,686
United States..... "	6,819,367	908,361	9,421,893	2,369,884
Dutch East Indies..... "	2,416,794	331,384	334,478	50,787
Other countries..... "	45,322	4,947	54	15
Leather, and manufactures:				
Boots and shoes.....Pairs	612,222	1,078,204	680,548	1,542,270
United States..... "	485,014	1,038,803	598,836	1,521,050
Other countries..... "	127,208	39,401	81,712	21,220
All other.....	.....	813,383	.....	1,106,453
United States.....	.....	675,182	.....	919,367
Other countries.....	.....	138,201	.....	187,086
Meat and dairy products:				
Condensed milk.....Lbs.	11,999,783	1,377,452	7,464,595	1,360,884
United States..... "	11,284,084	1,300,980	6,227,574	1,137,782
United Kingdom..... "	148,206	14,816	84,106	17,727
Other countries..... "	567,493	61,656	1,152,915	205,375
Fresh beef,.....Lbs.	8,385,679	804,341	6,904,911	737,791
United States..... "	4,484	1,304	860	223
Australasia..... "	1,056,279	112,908	1,695,183	213,161
China..... "	7,324,916	690,129	5,208,868	524,407
All other.....	.....	1,235,726	.....	1,761,068
United States.....	.....	449,157	.....	627,788
Australasia.....	.....	231,682	.....	333,459
Other countries.....	.....	554,887	.....	799,821
Paper, and manufactures.....	.....	1,992,198	.....	2,225,677
United States.....	.....	1,060,259	.....	1,181,430
France.....	.....	241,770	.....	362,653
Japan.....	.....	399,705	.....	448,093
Other countries.....	.....	290,464	.....	233,501
Rice.....Long tons	150,616	6,167,015	146,244	8,488,590
United States..... "	.....	2	.....	17
French East Indies..... "	149,295	5,665,564	125,068	6,547,212
Siam..... "	7,118	485,507	19,101	1,736,584
Other countries..... "	203	15,942	4,075	204,777
Wheat flour.....Bbls.	364,695	2,687,736	310,000	2,546,815
United States..... "	1,518	14,214	43	729
Australasia..... "	319,175	2,343,723	274,973	2,304,412
Japan..... "	43,572	305,773	1,541	8,867
Other countries..... "	430	4,026	33,433	232,807
All other articles.....	.....	38,194,957	.....	40,376,088
United States.....	.....	16,530,221	.....	24,675,736
Other countries.....	.....	21,664,736	.....	15,700,352
Total imports.....	.....	83,763,290	.....	107,774,263

EXPORTS.	Twelve months ending June - 1918 Quantity	1918 Value	1919 Quantity	1919 Value
Manila Hemp .....Long tons	158,211	$54,493,970	132,648	$41,829,640
United States..... "	83,972	32,418,469	69,829	24,203,659
United Kingdom..... "	55,163	14,632,401	47,517	12,849,099
Japan..... "	11,412	5,353,514	9,536	3,249,791
Other countries..... "	7,667	2,039,586	5,766	1,527,091
Coconut oil.....Long tons.	70,976	18,552,249	128,789	35,541,361
United States..... "	70,872	18,531,746	120,829	33,406,337
Other countries..... "	104	20,503	7,960	2,134,974
Sugar.....Long tons	225,428	13,304,770	236,391	17,201,625
United States..... "	78,713	6,512,948	91,454	8,174,817
China..... "	35,306	1,721,309	40,700	2,646,453
Hongkong..... "	76,433	3,430,819	66,794	3,982,416
Japan..... "	34,674	1,620,972	35,039	2,189,239
Other countries.. "	297	18,722	2,414	208,700
Copra.....Long tons	103,887	9,527,241	14,369	1,426,585
United States..... "	88,419	8,172,252	13,284	1,270,803
France..... "	4,447	394,513	.....	.....
Spain..... "	10,504	918,299	.....	.....
Other countries..... "	517	42,177	1,085	155,782
Cigars.....Thous.	318,564	5,708,718	397,716	8,601,889
United States..... "	224,174	4,653,111	276,239	6,757,451
Australasia..... "	6,168	107,631	8,075	161,111
China..... "	29,527	366,620	34,248	600,741
Hongkong..... "	8,869	111,400	8,469	133,145
Other countries..... "	49,826	469,956	70,535	949,441
Unmanufac'd tobacco.....Lbs.	41,269,433	4,954,293	48,078,911	5,629,827
United States..... "	7,466,544	1,740,159	3,311,384	836,163
France..... "	7,406,927	774,547	9,130,549	930,095
Spain..... "	24,986,619	2,219,335	22,726,346	2,451,038
Other countries..... "	1,409,343	220,257	12,910,632	1,412,531
Maguey.....Long tons	10,992	1,904,131	9,430	1,442,491
United States..... "	3,773	673,486	744	105,936
United Kingdom..... "	4,553	810,044	2,256	345,161
Other countries..... "	2,666	420,601	6,430	991,394
Knotted hemp.....Lbs.	1,253,126	1,093,337	662,297	544,479
United States..... "	417,011	364,961	269,509	229,920
France..... "	172,083	196,804	65,181	52,480
Italy..... "	197,393	158,661	174,187	137,650
Switzerland..... "	263,560	202,038	82,489	66,028
Other countries..... "	203,079	170,873	70,931	58,401
All other articles.....	.....	7,075,897	.....	10,511,341
United States.....	.....	3,943,101	.....	4,347,412
Other countries.....	.....	3,132,796	.....	6,163,929
Total exports.....	.....	116,614,611	.....	122,729,238

FOREIGN COMMERCE OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS - Continued.

COUNTRIES.	Imports		Exports	
	Twelve months ending June			
	1918	1919	1918	1919
United States	$49,799,229	$64,655,144	$77,010,233	$79,332,548
Hawaii	202,679	629,806	182,613	169,494
United Kingdom	3,065,146	2,767,293	15,666,764	15,055,104
Australasia	3,026,806	3,202,696	1,111,404	627,253
Belgium	34			34,006
British East Indies	1,438,129	2,353,842	1,036,486	1,726,549
China	5,862,075	6,511,923	2,435,315	4,805,934
France	720,913	1,179,632	1,412,692	1,608,738
French East Indies	5,758,876	6,958,359	737,196	1,864,464
Hongkong	123,025	180,739	5,096,921	5,881,936
Italy	96,672	34,348	168,011	192,398
Japan	10,660,672	13,107,956	7,863,165	6,973,063
Netherlands	56,892	52,145		5,000
Spain	643,554	623,835	3,233,281	2,564,411
Switzerland	350,092	651,305	202,038	66,028
Other countries	1,958,406	4,760,260	458,572	1,822,262
Total	83,763,290	107,774,263	116,614,611	122,729,238
TOTALS.				
July	$6,999,957	$9,281,974	$6,763,630	15,179,997
August	6,527,651	7,392,884	11,813,825	11,109,777
September	7,037,893	8,673,946	10,303,279	15,424,169
October	6,608,557	8,995,546	12,534,742	12,670,242
November	5,361,123	9,176,323	8,136,180	12,003,176
December	6,249,639	9,600,269	7,307,832	9,043,998
January	8,242,471	9,432,177	11,824,151	8,888,579
February	5,773,256	7,228,844	12,132,813	9,167,210
March	7,428,871	13,303,887	10,415,833	6 027,025
April	5,134,018	8,945,614	7,010,972	5,027,281
May	7,899,830	6,823,759	9,880,275	7,290,238
June	10,500,024	8,370,240	8,501,079	10,889,546
Total	83,763,290	107,774,263	116,614,611	122,729,238
UNITED STATES.				
July	$3,525,574	$5,432,696	$3,062,924	$9,982,801
August	3,831,398	4,744,119	8,337,785	9,001,346
September	4,597,992	5,513,137	7,848,812	9,488,617
October	4,404,612	4,618,908	9,645,428	9,265,238
November	2,830,593	5,106,245	5,322,474	8,220,171
December	3,683,689	6,534,135	4.566,391	4,962,326
January	4,499,574	4,415,673	6,594,681	7,509,220
February	3,772,907	4,630,083	7,517,204	4,414,995
March	4,719,627	9,531,305	7,051,297	3,631,142
April	2,162,582	5,232,693	5,464,583	3,340,266
May	4,844,935	3,580,916	5,778,996	3,928,645
June	6,875,746	5,065,211	5,819,658	5,587,781
Total	49,799,229	64,655,144	77,010,233	79,332,548

NOTE - U. S. Insular possessions are not included under the title "United States."

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